

From this point they traveled westward along the Duchesne and with no small difficulty, as the narrative states, crossed over the mountains. From the description given by these Spaniards, their route was very probably up the Duchesne, along the west fork, crossing the mountain at the head of Lake Canyon, passing through this valley and down the Provo river to Utah lake, which the natives called Timpanogas lake. The river down which they traveled after crossing the divide was also called Timpanogas river by the natives.

These Spaniards were perhaps the first white men to ever set foot in this valley. They gave a very minute account of Utah lake and surrounding country as well as Great Salt Lake and also a fair account of the Indian tribes inhabiting this region.

A half century later hunters and trappers stood on the shores of both Utah lake and Salt Lake and perhaps trapped beaver and mink along the banks of the Timpanogas in this valley. Trails were made through the valley, along which the Indians passed to and from the lower valleys and their mountain hunting grounds; but no settlement by white men was made here until the year 1859, when Mormon pioneers from the shores of the Timpanogas lake came here seeking homes for themselves and families.

Provo City and Utah valley, was settled in 1849 or 1850. By the year 1857 the most desirable locations near the Utah lake had been taken up and people began to look for desirable locations elsewhere. Reports at different times had come from hunters, trappers, and others who had visited the vicinity, that there was a beautiful little valley about thirty miles up the Provo river and some of those who had been unable to secure desirable locations in Utah Valley, began to think seriously of investigating these rumors with a view to making a new settlement.

One bright Sabbath morning in the summer of 1857, some parties who were working at a saw mill in Big Cotton-wood canyon, concluded to make a trip over the mountain and look at this rumored paradise nestling in the tops to the Wasatch. They crossed the summit of

there must have been talk of making a road through Provo canyon several years before this for on January 19th, 1855, an act was passed "by the Governor and legislative assembly of the territory of incorporating "The Provo Canyon Road. The act provides: "That Aaron Johnson, Thomas S. Williams, Evan M. Green, and William Wall, with their associates and cessors are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic for the term of twenty years from and after the first day of April, 1855, subject to the revision of the legislature at any time, with the exclusive right of making a good wagon road to the acceptance of the county court of Utah county from the mouth of Provo canyon in Utah county to Kamas prairie, thence to continue northeasterly on the most feasible route until it intercepts the main traveled road from the United States to Great Salt Lake City, near Black Fork in Green river county, Utah Territory, and keep the same in good repair with the privilege of taking toll thereon with such specific rates as shall be established by the aforesaid County Court".

The act also provides for the usual powers of corporations to elect officers, make laws, and regulations, etc., and for said company to give bonds to the people of the territory of Utah in the penal sum of \$5,000 condition for the faithful compliance with the conditions of the said charter and to secure all persons for any damage that may accrue from neglect, which bonds shall be accepted by and filed with the probate judge of Utah County.

This company seems to have miscarried in some way or did not comply with the provisions of the act, for on January 20th, 1865, another act was passed by the legislative assembly of the territory of Utah incorporating "The Provo Canyon Road Company" providing "that William Miller and Shadrock Holdaway, of Provo City, Utah County, Joseph S. Murdock, Isaac Decker, and David ManWagoner, of Wasatch County, with their associates and successors be and they are hereby created a body corporate to be known by the name and style of the Provo Canyon Road Company".

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